



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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MAIN STREET PROJECT

Beginning on Monday, July 13th, at 7:00 AM, traffic on Main Street will flip to its new configuration, which will be in effect until the completion of work in mid-November. The new traffic configuration will be one-way, northbound only, between Centre Street and Pleasant Street. Southbound traffic will be rerouted to either Storrs Street or State Street.

Hydrant, drainage and pipe work will make up the majority of the work over the next couple of weeks. Any businesses that will be affected will be notified prior to the start of any work.



ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

The contractor has completed the Fisherville Road sewer main installation just south of the Borough/Manor Road intersection. The installation of drainage has begun and will continue next week in this area, as well as the removal of the asphalt and the concrete bed in the intersection. Access to local businesses will remain open during construction. Commuters can expect minor delays with alternating one-way traffic through the work zone.



OLD LOUDON ROAD

On Monday, July 13th, work will commence on the new connection of Old Loudon Road to Loudon Road at D'Amante Drive. During construction, a portion of Old Loudon road will be closed to thru traffic. The affected area will be from the intersection of Old Loudon Road and Portsmouth Street, west to the intersection of Old Loudon Road and Loudon Road. Construction is expected to last two weeks. Local traffic will be permitted access from the Portsmouth Street intersection.

EXIT 12 I-93 NHDOT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Next week, the State's contractor will be crossing South Main Street (north of the southbound on-ramp to I-93) with the new water main. Traffic will be reduced to one lane through the work area.

GREEN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER RECEIVES FACELIFT



The Public Properties Division of the General Services Department recently facilitated and completed major renovations to the Green Street Community Center.

Over \$600,000 was invested into this much needed project. Upgrades include new floors; a carpeted entryway; rehabilitated brick exterior; ceiling tile replacements; repaired and cleaned light fixtures; new paint; refurbished locker rooms; new bathroom facilities; steam pipe covering; rolling floor mats; a handicap accessible ramp; sprinkler work; and lock upgrades.

The City of Concord is celebrating the recent renovations by holding a **ribbon cutting ceremony** at the Green Street Community Center on **Monday, July 13th, at 6:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend. Mayor Jim Bouley will be in attendance to help unveil the newly updated facility.

Please join us in celebrating this successful transformation!

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NH ROADS SCHOLARS



The City of Concord participates in the NH Technology Transfer Center (T²)'s Roads Scholar Program to meet educational and training requirements for municipal highway practitioners. There are a minimum number of contact hours for each level to measure the time of instruction. Currently, there are eleven General Services' employees who are Roads Scholars. Roads Scholar I employees, who have completed 25 hours of instruction, include **Larry Anthony, Brian Deschenes, Dennis Gilmore, Kevin Rowell, and Glenn Vallee**; Senior Roads Scholar employees, who have completed 75 hours of instruction, include **Jan Hall, Chad Jaquith, and Jim Major**; and Master Roads Scholar employees, who have completed 100 hours of instruction, include **Kevin Demers, Nat Jones, and Kevin Bartlett**. The Engineering Services Division also has two Roads Scholars: **Greg Meagher** (Roads Scholar II) and **Scott Sykes** (Master Roads Scholar).

The City appreciates these individuals for demonstrating their dedication and for improving their career performance and professional development through continued training.

LIBERTY UTILITIES WORK

Liberty Utilities will be working at the following locations next week:

- Rundlett Street, from Conant Drive to Winant Street;
- Conant Drive, from South Street to Springfield Street;
- Broken Bridge Road, at the dead end;
- North Spring Street, from Cambridge Street to School Street; and
- Thorndike Street, from Grove Street to South Street.

Work will generally take place from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday; and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday.

HONORING WENTWORTH "SNOOKIE" EMMONS

Wentworth "Snookie" Emmons worked for the City of Concord's sewer crew for 45 years. He was the Sewer Systems Supervisor for many of those years until his retirement in 1998. In 1997, EJ Prescott, a supplier of sewer pipe materials, donated a manhole cover to the City in honor of Snookie's service. At that time, the Sewer Crew dedicated the manhole cover to Snookie (featured second from the right in the upper left photo below) and placed it in the north-bound lane of Main Street at Capitol Street.

When the cover was removed for safe-keeping during the Main Street construction, Snookie's wife, Joan Emmons, contacted the City and asked where the cover was. She was assured that it was safe and that the City would be refurbishing and relocating the cover. On June 18th, Joan and family joined the sewer crew for the re-dedication of the manhole cover to Snookie.

The refurbished manhole cover was placed in the pedestrian walkway near the Clock Tower, instead of in the street where it was more susceptible to damage. The sewer crew set the cover in its new location and reminisced about Snookie, who passed away in 2011.

Current Sewer Systems Supervisor, Keven Bartlett, who worked with Snookie for 22 years, was overjoyed to be involved in this re-dedication. "If anyone was deserving of a manhole cover," said Bartlett, "it was Snookie." "For all those years he answered the call 24/7, including on weekends and holidays, to help the citizens of Concord."

The next time you stroll down Main Street, take a walk near Eagle Square and the Clock Tower. You can't miss it!

